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(*b*) the acreage of land under cotton cultivation—
(i) in the whole of Pollachi taluk,
(ii) in the five villages referred to in (*a*); and

(*c*) what action was taken by the Government on the above petition?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 356 asked by M.R.Ry. Nachiyappa Gounder Avargal, M.L.C.

(*b*) The information is furnished below:—

	Fasli 1344 ending with 30th June 1935.	Fasli 1345, July 1935.
	ACS.	ACS.
Pollachi taluk	48,964	6,385
Anamalai	234	20
Vettakaranpudur	3,444	1,554
Kottur-Malayandipatnam village	3,268	2,325
Kaliapuram	1,797	24
Odayakulam	475	46

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the extension granted under the Cotton Pest Act to the five villages is going to be a permanent one or only as a temporary measure?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Only as a temporary measure this year."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether Government will be pleased to consider the petition and expedite the matter?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" As I said yesterday, the whole matter is under the consideration of Government."

Co-operation

Sale of lands in North Arcot for arrears due to the co-operative societies.

* 376 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of land sales held during the past three years for arrears of dues to co-operative societies in the North Arcot district talukwar;

(*b*) the extent of lands that have been taken possession of by the department and others separately; and

(*c*) the land assessment paid for such lands by the co-operative department alone?

A.—(*a*)

Name of taluk.	Number of sales held during past three years.
Arkonam	45
Arni	27
Chengam	16
Cheyyar	60
Gudiyattam	46
Polur	54
Tiruppattur	30
Tiruvannamalai	50
Vellore	48
Wallajah	35
Wandiwash	80

The above figures exclude land sales held by 'living' societies through civil courts, particulars of which are not available.

(*b*) No lands have been taken possession of by the department. The extent of lands taken possession of by others is given below:—

	ACS.
(i) by liquidators of co-operative societies ...	139·75
(ii) by the central bank	112·20
(iii) by (living) societies	468·17
(iv) by others	395·31
Total ...	1,115·43

The above figures exclude the extent taken possession of in pursuance of sales held by civil courts on behalf of 'living' societies and by the Revenue department, details regarding which are not available.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to the first part of clause (*b*).

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what the co-operative societies propose to do with the acres of land which they have taken possession of?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Cultivate them, if possible."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Will the Government suggest to the co-operative banks not to proceed with the auctioning of lands in view of the economic depression from which the people are suffering?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I suppose societies must collect their dues."